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OC Executive Board Agenda

> Fifth Meeting 2 April 1974

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STAFF STUDY ON COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS I.

Proposed OC policy position on backup communications planning developed by OC-E and OC-O. (See Attachment)

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19 March 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: D/CO

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Chief, OC-O Chief, OC-E Chief, OC-S Acting Chief, Chief, OC-P&B OC-EXA

SUBJECT

: OC Executive Board Agenda Items

The next meeting of the OC Executive Board is scheduled 1000. for Tuesday, 2 April at 0900. Please submit agenda items to the undersigned by COB 26 March 1974.

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Minutes of Executive Board Meeting Number Five 1000 Hours 2 April 1974

1. The meeting was convened with the following OC Executive 25X1A Board Members present:

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were absent.

Prior to addressing the main agenda item Mr. asked 25X1A for a status <u>report</u> on the 25X1C said the study has been completed X1C Studies. Mr. 25X1A to the point of drawing conclusions. It is clear that the OTS Laboratory facility is too small to take on much more new work. 25X1A There is a good chance that there will be very little, if any, change growing out of this study. Mr. is serious about consolidating fund said if Mr. 25X1A functions there is a 25X1C good chance OC will be given the entire task. As for 25X1A reported that the study is still in process. 25X1C

3. Mr. The Agency R&D Board, comprised of the staff study. The Agency R&D Board, comprised of the Associate Deputy Directors, established the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and in December 1972, tasked it to review all R&D programs pursuant to recommending program changes. One program deficiency identified by the TCC was inadequate planning for sensor communications. The DDS&T responded by providing \$200,000 to study this problem area. The study became known as and was expanded to include agent and backup staff communications. This project is considered very sensitive and is on the Agency 25X1A list. One important outcome of the study was to relegate

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4. The following points were made relative to establishing an OC position on

a. The number of SKYLINK terminals mentioned on Page 12 of the OC-E study should read 140 vice 100.

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b. The Study contains no firm conclusions.

c. It lacks important cost data on establishing technical commonality between existing SKYLINK field terminals and the proposed system(s).

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- d. Only the very system offers full period communications coverage as required for backup staff communications.
- e. Other possible alternatives for meeting backup staff communications requirements must be explored. Two possibilities are new HF technology and governmentowned transponders in commercial satellites.

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g. Although the TCC was correct in documenting a lack of sensor communications planning, sensor communications requirements have not yet been documented. Therefore, the Study preceded any definition of requirements.

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5. The Board concluded that:

b. OC-E is studying future backup systems in accordance with one of our Office objectives,

c. OC is neither tasked, staffed nor funded to support sensor communications, and therefore should not undertake to provide such support, and

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d. The draft memorandum stating the OC position on be sent to Director, OD&E/DDS&T.

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- The Secretary to the Executive Board has reviewed and HR as as directed, and has found that neither of these regulations specifically tasks the DDS&T or OC with providing sensor communications support except that HR (2) (a) could be so construed by broad interpretation.
- 7. Mr. briefly discussed growing desire for dedicated communications channels to meet their need for privacy. This raises a host of questions which must be answered, among which are:
  - a. Will SKYLINK "B" channels be allocated?
  - b. What will be preemption/restoration procedures to cover telecons, single channel outages, etc?
  - c. How will enclosure sizes be affected if moves in its own cryptographic and other equipment?
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  - d. How will this affect or be affected by future personnel cuts?

No conclusions were reached on this topic.

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